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CONVENED IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1859.

WITH MINUTES OF THE SYNODICAL, MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY, APPENDED.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CALLED SESSION OF THE EVANGELICAL

Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

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In obedience to a call of the President, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, met in Luther Chapel, Rowan County, on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1858, for the purpose of taking into consideration the permanent location of North Carolina College.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel H. Bittle, from Isaiah v, 20.

Shortly after divine service, Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by the President.

The roll was called, and the following brethren answered to their names:

Ordained Ministers.—Rev's. John D. Scheck, William Artz, Samuel Rothrock, Jacob Crim, Paul Kistler, Joseph A. Linn, William Gerhard, Levi C. Groseclose, John S. Heilig, G. D. Bernheim, and Daniel I. Dreher.

Ordained Ministers absent.—Rev's Simeon Scherer and John Swicegood.

Licentiates present.—Rev's. B. C. Hall, Caleb Lentz, William A. Julian, and John L. Smithdeal.

Licentiate absent—Rev. A. Grimes.

Lay Delegates.—Messrs. John Trexler, Henry Lentz, Matthias Barrier, A. E. Harkey, J. E. Moose, D. Isenhour, G. W. Scott, R. C. Cook, David Lentz, Wilson Frank, Daniel Sharp, and Thomas Rimer.

Messrs. Daniel Sharp, Daniel Isenhour, and David Lentz were received by certificate at this meeting of Synod.

Rev. Daniel H. Bittle and C. Melchor, President of the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy, were invited to a seat as advisory members of this Synod.

A long discussion now ensued, which resulted in no definite conclusion; whereupon a motion to adjourn was carried, and Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Prayer by the Secretary.

At night, Rev. William A. Julian preached from Numbers xxxii, 23.

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SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 28.

Synod met, and after some religious exercises, was opened with prayer by Rev. William Artz.

The roll was called, and minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

The following preamble and resolutions were then offered and discussed:

Whereas, This Synod, at its regular annual meeting in May last, instructed the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy to have the charter of said Institution so amended as to change it from an Academy into a College, with the power of conferring degrees; *and whereas* said Academy is located at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the College to be created out of the Academy aforesaid cannot, in good faith, be located at any other place than the present locality of said Academy, unless it can be shown, by clear and satisfactory reasons, that the present location of said Academy would be unsuitable for the contemplated College; and unless it can be further shown that some other location would tend to the greater prosperity of said contemplated College.

2. *Resolved*, That an opportunity be now offered to the friends of Concord for them to show why the College should not be located at Mount Pleasant; and that Concord offers superior advantages for the location of the College at that place.

Synod took a recess till this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. G. D. Bernheim preached the 11 o'clock sermon, from Psalm xxxvii, 5.

Business was again resumed.

3. *Resolved*, That any person or persons from Concord or Mount Pleasant, be permitted to make statements for these places.

After debating the question for some time, Synod adjourned till Monday morning at 8½ o'clock; closed with a benediction.

At candle light, Rev. C. Lentz preached from John viii, 31, 32.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

A large congregation assembled at the stand, where Rev. Daniel H. Bittle delivered an interesting and impressive discourse from 1 John i, 7.

Immediately after the sermon, Revs. B. C. Hall and Caleb Lentz were

ordained and set apart to the Gospel ministry, by the imposition of hands.

After intermission, Rev. William Artz preached an instructive sermon, from Heb. viii, 6; and Rev. Jacob Crim preached in the evening, from Rev. xi, 3.

Thus closed the services of this holy Sabbath day. May the divine blessing rest upon them.

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THIRD SESSION.

Monday Morning, August 30.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Gerhard.

Roll called, and minutes read and adopted.

On motion, speakers were restricted to half an hour, and to speak but twice on the subject.

The discussion of Saturday was resumed, and Rev. G. D. Bernheim having the right to the floor, proceeded in his remarks.

R. C. Cook was continued as the delegate of Rev. Daniel I. Dreher.

The discussion was suspended, and Synod took a recess of one hour.

Business was again resumed, and debate continued.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock; closed with the benediction.

At candle-light, Rev. John L. Smithdeal preached from John iii, 19.

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FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday Morning, August 31.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

Roll called, minutes read and confirmed. The debate of yesterday was resumed.

4. *Resolved*, That this discussion now be closed.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with attention the statements of the advocates of the location of our contemplated College at Concord; but in view of all the facts in the case, this Synod still believes that the prosperity of the Insttution demands that it remain at Mount Pleasant.

Immediately after the passage of this resolution, the vote was taken, with this understanding: Shall the College be located at Mount Pleasant or not? The yeas and nays were called for, with the following result:—Fourteen in favor of Mount Pleasant, and eleven against it.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod confirm the vote just taken, and that the minority be kindly and affectionately invited to concur with the majority.

7. *Resolved*, That from and after the attainment of a College charter, the present Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy be and are hereby constituted the Board of College until the next meeting of our Synod.

8. *Resolved*, That the President elect of our Institution, so soon as he shall have accepted the appointment, be constituted by this Synod *ex officio* a member of the Board.

9. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the people of Mount Pleasant and Concord for their truly noble and liberal subscriptions in favor of our contemplated College.

10. *Resolved*, That in connection with the thanks of this Synod, voted to Concord for their liberal offer, we, as a Synod, pledge ourselves to a co-operation with Concord in the establishment of a Female College at that place, and that we await their proposals to be tendered at our next meeting of Synod for consideration.

Rev. William A. Julian and Delegate were excused from further attendance on this Synod.

11. *Resolved*, That the Secretary publish an abstract of the minutes of this Synod in the Lutheran Observer; and that they be published in pamphlet form in connection with the minutes of our next annual meeting of Synod.

12. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Luther Chapel, and friends in its vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner they have entertained the members of this Synod.

13. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet at the time and place of our next annual meeting of Synod.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Daniel H. Bittle.

DANIEL I. DREHER,
Secretary of Synod.

MINUTES

OF

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

According to a resolution adopted at its last annual meeting, the members, composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled in St. James' Church, Concord, on Thursday, April 28th, 1859.

The President preached the Synodical Sermon from Galatians v, 1.—After which, Synod was organized in the usual manner. The roll was called, and the names of the Clerical members, with their Delegates, duly registered according to the following list:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus Co.,	N. C.
" WILLIAM ARTZ,	Holt's Store, Alamance	"
" SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	Rockville, Rowan	"
" JOHN H. MENGERT,	Wilmington,	"
" JACOB CRIM,	Jerusalem, Davie	"
" JOSEPH A. LINN,	Gold Hill, Rowan	"
" DANIEL H. BITTLE,	Mount Pleasant,	"
" WILLIAM GERHARD,	" "	"
" SIMEON SCHERER,	Bunker's Hill, Catawba	"
" LEVI C. GROSECLOSE,	Salisbury,	"
" JOHN SWICEGOOD,	Shady Grove, Davidson	"
" G. D. BERNHEIM,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus	"
" JOHN S. HEILIG,	Mill Hill, "	"
" DANIEL I. DREHER,	Concord, "	"
" B. C. HALL,	Eufaula, Rowan	"
" C. LENTS,	Newton, Catawba	"

LICENTIATES.

Rev. A GRIMES,	Hay Meadow, Wilkes	N. C.
" WILLIAM A. JULIAN,	Lexington, Davidson	"
" J. L. SMITHDEAL,	Salisbury, Rowan	"
" L. A. BIKLE,	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus	"
" A. PHILIPPY,	Charlotte, Mecklenburg	"

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. SOLOMON FISHER,	Rev. Samuel Rothrock's Delegate.	
" JOSEPH SHIVE,	" Jacob Crim's	"
" DEWALT LENTS,	" Joseph A. Linn's	"
" TOBIAS GOODMAN,	" Simeon Scherer's	"
" D. M. BARRIER,	" William Gerhard's	"
" WHITSON KIMBALL,	" L. C. Groseclose's	"
" ISAAC GOODNIGHT,	" John S. Heilig's	"
" PHILIP RIDENHOUR,	" G. D. Rernheim's	"
" R. WINECOFF,	" Daniel I. Dreher's	"
" AUGUSTUS PETRE,	" B. C. Hall's	"
" JONAS BOST,	" C. Lents'	"
" JOSEPH SINK,	" William A. Julian's	"
" PAUL MISENHEIMER,	" J. L. Smithdeal's,	"

The President, Rev. Joseph A. Linn, now read his Report, which was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

Synod now went into an election for officers, for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, President,
" J. S. HEILIG, Recording Secretary,
" S. ROTHROCK, Corresponding Secretary,
M. BARRIER, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. Daniel H. Bittle, President of "North Carolina College," presented a certificate of honorable dismission from the Virginia Synod, and was, on motion, received as a member of this body.

Rev. John H. Mengert, presented a similar letter from the "Evangelical Union of the West," and was also received as a member of this Synod.

Mr. Martin Isenhour was introduced to Synod, and invited to a seat as a Commissioner from the Mission Station in Charlotte.

Rev. P. T. Penick, of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. S. Haltum and J. R. Sikes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. W. S. McClan-

nahan and Prof. L. A. Bikle, of the Lutheran Church, were introduced to Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members.

The minutes of last year were, on motion, referred to the Committee on unfinished business.

All papers intended for Synod were now called for, and placed into the hands of the officers of Synod to be arranged, numbered and referred to their appropriate committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev's. Samuel Rothrock, Simeon Scherer, Daniel I. Dreher.

2. *On Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev's. L. C. Groseclose, G. D. Bernheim, Mr. Whitson Kimball.

3. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev's. Joseph A. Linn, B. C. Hall, Mr. Dewalt Lents.

4. *State of Finance in our several Funds.*—Rev. William A. Julian, Mr. R. Winecoff, I. Goodnight.

5. *On the State of Religion.*—Rev. Jacob Crim. C. Lents, Philip Ridenhour, Esq.

6. *On the Proceedings of Conferential Meetings.*—Rev'ds J. L. Smithdeal, William Gerhard, Mr. Goodman.

On motion, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

Prayer by the President.

Rev. William A. Julian preached at candle-light, from Heb. iv, 9.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Morning, Half past 8 o'clock.

Synod convened, and after devotional exercises, proceeded to business.

Rev. Jacob Hawkins appeared as Corresponding Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, and was cordially invited to participate in our deliberations.

Rev. A. G. Stacy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. M. Wagner, of the Tennessee Synod, and A. Philippy, of the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, were severally introduced to Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members.

Parochial reports having been called for, were handed in, and present the following exhibit:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Ministers.	Congregations,	Baptisms. Adults,	Baptisms. Infants,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Restorations,	Dismissions.	Admissions,	Expulsions.	Funerals,	Death of Members,	Ed. and Mis. Societies,	Sunday Schools,	Scholars,	Teachers,	Prayer Meetings.	Bible Classes.	Contributions. Local,	Contributions. Benevolent,	Contributions. N. C. College,
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" W. Gerhard,	1	8	00	60	00	00	2	2	00	00	00	30	1	9	45	1	00	000	2 75	0 00
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" J. S. Hellig,	2	17	3	251	35	00	4	11	1	4	1	00	2	00	00	00		112	19 50	0 00
" D. I. Dreher,	1	10	00	241	56	1	1	6	5	6	1	00	1	7	40	00	1	000	0 00	0 00
" R. C. Hall,	2	14	4	290	19	8	3	3	00	10	8	00	1	6	30	2	1	000	17 00	0 00
" C. Lents,	1	2	00	40	00	00	00	3	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1	000	0 00	0 00
" W. A. Julian,	4	13	10	262	7	00	1	1	1	7	4	00	2	16	80	00	4	000	0 00	0 00
" J. L. Smithdeal,	2	12	4	204	22	2	2	0	7	7	3	00	2	00	00	2	2	000	0 00	0 00
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*1 Station. †For Parsonage.

1. *Resolved*, That a special Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of "North Carolina College."

Committee—Revs. Simeon Scherer, B. C. Hall, and Jonas Bost, Esq.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Within the limits of the United States there are, at present, thirty-seven Lutheran Synods; one thousand one hundred and sixty-eight Ministers, and one thousand nine hundred and sixty Congregations. Twenty-six of these Synods, numbering seven hundred and thirty-four Ministers, and one thousand four hundred and ten Congregations, are connected with the General Synod. Eleven of them, with three hundred and sixty-eight Ministers, and five hundred and fifty Congregations, still remain disconnected from that important nucleus.

1. *The Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania.*—This body held its last Convention in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, September 30th, 1858. It numbers thirty-nine Ordained Ministers and six Licentiates. President—Rev. E. W. Hutter; C. J. Ehrehart, Secretary; R. A. Fink, Treasurer.

These minutes represent the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, to be in a more flourishing condition at present, than for a number of years past; there being about thirty-three students in the several classes. It appears from the report of a committee of this Synod, that the "elective affinity," or some kindred principle, is indirectly disturbing the *otium* of this body. Every Synod should have its own bounds, and every minister attend to his own charge. This Synod contributed to the various benevolent and local objects, the past year, $32.187 15.

2. *Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania.* Rev. H. Zeigler, President; D. H. Focht, Secretary; P. M. Rightmeyer, Treasurer.

The Committee on the state of Religion presented a very encouraging report, in which it is stated that the accessions to the Church the past year amounted to near twelve hundred. The contributions of this Synod the past year, to local and benevolent objects, amounted to $17,342 38.

3. *Minutes of the Synod und Ministerium of South Carolina.*—This daughter of our Synod has outgrown her mother, and now numbers thirty-three Ordained Ministers and five Licentiates. Rev. S. Bouknight, President; J. P. Margart, Secretary.

"Newberry College and Theological Seminary," under the fostering care of this energetic Synod, are, doubtless, in the Providence of God, destined to exert a powerful influence for the prosperity of the Lutheran Church in the "sunny South." The brethren are proud of their Institutions, as they may well be; for they have not only a happy location, good buildings and flattering prospects, but men of the right stamp to stand at their head, whose names alone will give weight and character to any institution.

4. *Proceedings of the Hartwick Synod of New York.*—This body held its last annual meeting in Johnstown, New York. Officers—Adam Crownse, President; Rev. P. A. Stroble, Secretary. On page 38, stands the following resolution:

Resolved, That according to our discipline, the power to admit or dismiss Church members, is vested in the Church Council, and that as our Pastors are only *ex officio* chairmen of the Council, they cannot exercise the above right without the knowledge and consent of the Council.

In the opinion of your Secretary, this resolution, or one of similar import, should be adopted by this Synod.

5. *Minutes of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Kentucky Synod.*—There is nothing in the minutes of this Synod of special interest to this body. Officers—Rev. C. Lynn, President; J. G. Harris, Secretary.

6. *Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Western Virginia.*—This body held its last annual meeting in Salem, Roanoke county, in the month of August, 1858.

The brethren of this Synod seem to be thorough-going men, who neither fear, nor shrink from duty; but whatever their hands find to do, they do with all their might.

On page sixth of the printed minutes are two resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the different Church Councils within its bounds, that when a member of the Church absents himself from the Communion Table three times in succession, he be called to account and disciplined.

Resolved, That in our Parochial Reports, three additional columns be added. One to contain the amount of Salary subscribed to each Minister, another the amount paid, the third, the amount unpaid.

7. *The Second Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. Illinois.*—This is a small body, but it seems to stretch its arms far and wide, having ministers in Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee.

8. *Minutes of the Mississippi Synod.*—This little Synod appears to be in *statu quo*, and is so little known that the Lutheran Almanac maker has never yet found it out. But the brethren composing it, are a "faithful few," and by adopting the motto, "*perseverando vincimus*," they will yet make their names to be known, and their influence to be felt."

9. *Synod of West Pennsylvania.*—Officers—Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., President; J. Evans, Secretary; P. Anstadt, Treasurer. Composed of forty-four ministers. The parochial reports exhibit this Synod to be in a very prosperous condition.

10. *Wittenburg Synod.*—Composed of twenty-six members. Officers—F. J. Ruth, President; D. Summers, Secretary. This Synod appears to be composed of efficient laborers, who are accomplishing much good.

11. *Synod of Virginia.*—President, X. J. Richardson; Secretary, William Rusmisell; Treasurer, L. Keller.

12. *Synod of Miami.*—Composed of twenty-nine Ministers. F. W. Conrad, President; J. Geiger, Secretary; W. H. Harrison, Treasurer. The parochial reports show that this Synod is also prospering in the Master's vinyard.

13. *East Ohio Synod.*—Thirty-three Ministers. President, W. A. Emerson; Secretary, Thomas Hill; Treasurer, S. Seechrist. Nothing special reported in the minutes.

14. *Alleghany Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*—Thirty-six Ministers. C. Witmer, President; A. H. Aughe, Secretary; P. Sheeder, Treasurer.—The contributions of this Synod exhibit an unusual spirit of liberality.

15. *New York Ministerium.*—This Synod is composed of fifty-nine members. Dr. Pohlman, President; communing members, 11,016, who have given to benevolent purposes, $1,138 23.

16. *The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.*—Composed of thirty-four ministers. Officers—J. Killian, President; P. C. Henkel, Secretary; J. M. Wagner, Treasurer. Communicants, 4772.

17. *Olive Branch Synod.*—S. Weills, President; D. Schindler, Secretary; O. Brown, Corresponding Secretary; J. Keller, Treasurer. This body

is composed of ten members. To these minutes are appended parliamentary rules of order in debate.

Upon a general survey of the present condition and future prospects of our Lutheran Zion, in the United States, there is ample cause for rejoicing and encouragement. God has indeed been propitious. His word powerful, and the means of grace effectual to the salvation of many. And why should not the Lutheran Church go forward? In her confession of faith, in her distinc ive usages, in the republicanism of her Church Government, and in the activity of her ministry, she is unsurpassed by any other christian denomination. May God in mercy, continue to bless her. Amen.

Respectfully,

Adopted. JOHN S. HEILIG, *Cor. Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The delegate appointed at the last annual meeting of this Synod, to attend the meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, which convened in Zion's Church, Lexington District, South Carolina, on the 15th of October last, would respectfully present the following report:

Your delegate, pursuant to his appointment, attended the meeting of that body, and received very kind attention and fraternal treatment from the brethren composing said Synod. He was regularly introduced to the notice of that body as a delegate from this, but did not present his credentials for the following reasons: The object of this Synod in the appointment of a delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Tenn. Synod, was simply,

1. To renew an effort made on the part of this Synod as early as 1847, "to bring about the necessary preliminaries, for the purpose of tracing out some common and safe ground upon which the present generation of Lutheran families might meet and regard each other in good faith;" and by this means,

2. "To bring the two Synods into closer friendly relationship by the regular interchange of corresponding delegates."

After the appearance of your delegate among those brethren, and after a personal acquaintance with them, and a free and friendly personal interchange of views and feeling, he became fully satisfied that the friendly object contemplated by this Synod, could be more effectually, harmoniously, and speedily accomplished by withholding his credentials of delegateship, and did not, therefore, present them.

Your delegate, however, was very kindly invited to a seat among them as an advisory member, and allowed the privilege of advising with them in the transaction of their Synodical business. From the printed minutes of their last annual meeting, it will be seen that our brethren of the Tennessee Synod appreciate the disposition on the part of this Synod, to cultivate amicable relations with them, and very "cordially reciprocate the friendly intentions of this body."

It affords your delegate pleasure to bear favorable testimony to the untiring zeal and disinterested piety of the brethren of the Tennessee Synod; and the hope is entertained that the day is not far distant, when, under divine guidance, the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods will be brought into closer fraternal relationship than they have hitherto been.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK.

Report received and adopted. Travelling expenses $8 70.

On motion, the expenses of the delegate were ordered to be refunded by the Treasurer.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report safe grounds upon which this Synod can meet the Tennessee Synod, and regard the same in good faith by the regular interchange of corresponding delegates.

Committee—Revs. Rothrock, Linn and Groseclose.

Synod now suspended business till two o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Jacob Crim preached the 11 o'clock sermon. Text—I Pet. iv, 18.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina would respectfully report as follows:

Whole amount received last Synod,		$100 70
Paid J. J. Bruner for printing minutes,	$70 00	
" G. D. Bernheim travelling expenses to Wilmington, as per resolution of Synod,	23 00	
" Rev. Jacob Crim travelling expenses to South Carolina Synod,	9 50	
Ballance due your Treasurer at last Synod,	6 67	
	$109 17	
Leaving a ballance due your Treasurer of		$8 47

Your Treasurer would further report that there are in his hands $42 31¼ collected to defray the travelling expenses of the delegates to the last General Synod, which he is ready to pay over as Synod may direct.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MATHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Report received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay himself the amount due him, out of any Synodical funds that may come into his hands.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING DELEGATE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Your Corresponding Delegate to the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States would report that he met that Synod at Pine Grove Church, Orangeburg District, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1858. Your delegate was kindly received, and had the pleasure of being present at all the sessions of Synod except the last. Much business was transacted, mostly however, of a local nature.

This body manifests a spirit of energy and enterprise in building and endowing Newberry College and Seminary, that is commendable and worthy of imitation. That Institution now seems destined to be the Gettysburg of the South. It contains the elements to make it of great useful-

ness, and one among the first in our Church. May these dear brethren be greatly blessed in their efforts to do good. My expenses amounted to $11 50. Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER.

Ordered, that the Treasurer refund the delegate's expenses.

On motion, a committee on Education was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. A. Linn, S. Rothrock, William A. Julian.

Prof. Grim was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENTIAL MEETINGS.

Your committee beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty imposed on them, and therefore would submit the following:

It appears that there were two conferential meetings held in the middle District during the past year. But neither one of the minutes of said Conference are transcribed into the book secured for that purpose. The manuscript of the meeting held in St. John's Church, Cabarrus County, North Carolina, embracing the fifth Sabbath in October, 1858, was not furnished the committee; therefore, we know nothing as to what was done at said meeting. The second meeting, embracing the fifth Sabbath of January, 1859, was sparingly attended by the clergy. The manuscript of this meeting tells us that the cause of the Redeemer is advancing in the bounds of said Conference. Your committee would suggest that the President admonish these brethren to greater diligence in transcribing their minutes.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Your committee have only an extract of the meetings of this conference, from which it appears that they have had two meetings during the past year. No business of importance before said conference.

The clergy of this conference have been dilatory in their attendance.—We would therefore, as above, suggest that the President urge it upon the clergy of said conference to be more punctual, if practicable, in attending these meetings. They were created by Synod to cultivate greater godliness and vital piety in our midst, and if not attended by the clergy, the ultimate object will fail to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SMITHDEAL,
WILLIAM GERHARD,
T. GOODMAN.

Adopted.

In compliance with the suggestion of the committee, the President of Synod admonished the brethren to be more punctual in their attendance upon the meetings of conference.

Synod now went into an election for delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies, and also for a lay-delegate to the General Synod to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of C. A. Heilig, Esq. Result—

To the South Carolina Synod—Rev. Levi C. Groseclose; Rev. John S. Heilig, alternate.

To the General Synod—Mr. Benjamin F. Fraley.

On motion, Mr. P. L. Barringer was invited to communicate to this Synod any information he may possess relative to Salem Church.

A motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock, now prevailed. Closed with a benediction.

Minutes confirmed.

Rev. A. Philippy preached at night. Text, Rev. xxii, 17.

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THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, HALF PAST 8 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. John D. Scheck.

Report No. 9.

The committee appointed to report safe ground on which this Synod can meet the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and regard the same in good faith by the regular interchange of corresponding delegates, would present the following:

WHEREAS, some difficulties arose in this Synod in former years, into the nature of which we do not now inquire, and in relation to which we do not now express any opinion, but which resulted in the separation of some of its members from it, and in the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod; and whereas, resolutions may have been passed, which, to the reader of the present day, not acquainted with all the circumstances under which they were passed, may appear to partake of undue severity; and whereas the two Synods have consequently hitherto been, to a certain extent, alienated from each other; and whereas it is desired on the part of this Synod to trace out some common and safe ground upon which the present generation of Lutheran families may meet and regard each other in good faith; and with a view of consummating this end, and cultivating amicable relations with our brethren of the Tennessee Synod by the interchange of corresponding delegates, therefore

1. Resolved, That the present members of this Synod do not hold themselves responsible for any of the resolutions of seeming severity of their predecessors, nor express any endorsement now of said resolutions; but will let them rest in a state of undisturbed quiet and forgetfulness.

2. Resolved, That upon this ground we can cordially meet our brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and by the interchange of corresponding delegates regard them in good faith as members of the same Lutheran household.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
JOSEPH A. LINN,
LEVI C. GROSECLOSE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 1

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the President's Report, would present the following:

1. The subject of appointing an Evangelist or Pioneer Preacher, to visit

the waste and unoccupied places within the bounds of this synod; to visit and preach to our scattered Lutheran members in those places with a view of collecting and organizing them into congregations, and to the building of houses of worship where the same may be practicable, and thus to extend the influence of this synod in doing good, is referred to the prayerful consideration of synod.

2. The appointment of a new Board of Trustees for North Carolina College, as well as the alteration of chapter 13 of the constitution of synod so as to make it applicable to said College, is also referred to the consideration and action of synod.

3. The recommendation of the President in relation to the fund of $600 hitherto transferred to the endowment fund of Western Carolina Male Academy, is likewise referred to the consideration and disposal of synod.

4. Your committee recommend that the President's Report be appended to the minutes of synod. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
SIMEON SCHERER,
DANIEL I. DREHER.

Received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion of item first in the above report, Synod took a recess until two o'clock.

Rev. Jacob Hawkins preached at eleven o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod resumed the consideration of item first in the foregoing report, in relation to which it was finally

4. Resolved, That the office of Evangelist or Pioneer Preacher, to visit destitute points within the bounds of this synod and to preach to our scattered Lutheran members in waste places, with a view of collecting and organizing them into congregations, and encouraging them to build houses of worship, be created by this synod, and that the appointment of said Evangelist, together with his salary, instructions, &c., be referred to the Missionary society.

5. Resolved, That the nomination of a Board of Trustees for North Carolina College, and the suggestion relative to the alteration of our constitution, be referred to the committee on Education.

In relation to item third, it was

6. Resolved, That the fund of $600, referred to by the President in his annual Report, be transferred to the endowment fund of North Carolina College, this synod reserving to itself the right of recalling said transfer at any of its annual meetings.

Item fourth was adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

A letter, from the State of Arkansas, was presented to Synod, and, on motion, referred to the committee on petitions and vacancies.

Committee No. 2.

The committee on petitions and vacancies present the following:

1. Papers from number one to four, are petitions from Charlotte, Sandy

Creek, Luther's Church and Salisbury, for the next meeting of this Synod. These petitions we recommend to the consideration of synod at the proper time.

2. Number five is a petition from Bethel and St. Paul's churches, in Rowan, asking a continuation of the ministerial services of Rev. J. L. Smithdeal among them.

3. Number six is a similar petition from the Davidson charge, asking a continuation of the services of the Rev. William A. Julian, and requesting his ordination. We recommend that petitions five and six be referred to the Ministerium.

4. Number seven is a letter from the Lutheran congregation in Wilmington. The first section is a petition from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in that city, to be received into connection with this synod. We recommend that this petition be immediately acted on by synod.

The rest of the letter asks for pecuniary assistance from synodical missionary treasury.

We recommend that this petition be referred to the consideration of the Home Missionary society.

The postscript of the letter contains a statement of the reason why that congregation did not send a delegate to this synod.

5. *Vacancies.*—Your committee have not been specially informed of any vacancies within our synodical bounds; yet they would direct inquiry into the condition of the Guilford, the Luther Chapel and the Iredell charges, and also into that of the Catawba, the Davie, the Forsyth and other missionary fields.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
WHITSON KIMBALL.

Report received and considered by items.

Items one, two and three, in the above report, were adopted. In relation to item four it was

7. Resolved, That the congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's church in Wilmington, be received into connection with this synod, *provided* it adopt our Formula of Discipline as contained in our hymn book. The recommendation of the committee in relation to section two, in item fourth, was adopted.

8. Resolved, That all the missionary stations referred to in item fifth of the foregoing report, be presented to the consideration of the synodical missionary society.

9. Resolved, That the Guilford charge be recommended to procure the services of a pastor as early as practicable.

In reference to Luther Chapel charge, it was

10. Resolved, That the subject of the Luther Chapel charge be referred to the friendly adjustment of the charge itself, and to brother Hall, who has been serving the charge.

11. Resolved, That the Iredell charge be recommended to secure the services of a minister as soon as possible.

Report adopted as a whole.

Committee No. 7.

The committee on the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina Male Academy, now North Carolina College, beg leave to state, that they find cause for abundant gratification in the present flourishing condition of our College at Mount Pleasant. They are glad to learn that, in conformity with a recommendation at the last meeting of Synod, our Academy has been changed into a College. And whereas a charter has been procured, we recommend the reading thereof to synod. We recommend further that the report of the President be incorporated with our printed minutes. And finally, that the thanks of this synod be tendered to Mathias Barrier, Esq., for the faithfulness with which he has served it as treasurer of the endowment fund of Western Carolina Male Academy, now North Carolina College.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON SCHERER,
B. C. HALL,
JONAS BOST.

Adopted.

12. Resolved, That the Report of the President of the Board of Trustees be read in open synod, and printed with the minutes.

REPORT.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, now in session in St. James' Church, Concord, Cabarrus county:

It becomes my duty as President of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina Male Academy, now North Carolina College, to report to you annually the condition of said Institution. At your last annual meeting, you instructed the Board to have the charter so amended as to make it a College, if we thought it advisable. After mature reflection, we concluded to make the change.

We elected Rev. Daniel H. Bittle, President; and in conformity with your recommendation, we employed him to collect funds for said Institution. He entered upon his agency the latter part of October, and his efforts, thus far, have been crowned with success. It is truly gratifying to us, and doubtless to you, to see how cordially the membership of our church, as well as others, have responded to the call. We sincerely hope it will thus continue throughout our bounds. At the last meeting of our Legislature, we applied for a charter which was granted. Its provisions are such as we desire, and we now recommend it to you for adoption. We have formed rules and regulations for the government and tuition of the College, and hope they will meet your approbation. You are the sovereign, and the Trustees ought to obey. We elected two Professors, Messrs. Gerhard and Bikle; the former declined, and we elected Mr. Grim, who has accepted the appointment. Both are young men, and serve the Institution on a salary of $500 each. The Board, I think, have entire confidence in their qualifications and deportment. We have elected Mathias Barrier, Esq., Treasurer of the Endowment Fund, who has given bond and security. I believe he has received every dollar of the funds, and has a large part invested in State bonds. The balance is on interest from the first of October. Mr. Barrier has performed much labor and deserves the

thanks of synod. Mr. Jacob Ludwick is Treasurer of the Building Fund, both of whom will make their reports.

The first session of the Academy was taught by Professor Gerhard and Rev. Caleb Lents. There were in attendance about forty students. Rev. Lents having resigned, we elected Mr. Bikle assistant. The session of the Academy ended about the middle of this month, but we thought it advisable to continue until July, and have, in future, only one vacation during the year, including August and September. The number of students is gradually increasing.

I have thus given you all the information presenting itself at the moment. Some of the Board are with you, and can give any additional information that may be desired. Respectfully submitted,

C. MELCHOR, P. B.

Brother Bost asked and obtained leave of absence.

Synod now adjourned till Monday morning, 8 o'clock. Minutes confirmed. Prayer by Rev. William A. Julian.

Rev. L. A. Bikle preached at candle light.

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LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. Daniel H. Bittle preached to a densely crowded congregation, from Acts xviii, 21. "I must by all means keep this feast."—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered, first to the Clerical and Lay Delegates of Synod, then to a large number of other communicants.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. H. Mengert, of Wilmington, preached in the Lutheran church from John i, 29: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Rev. William Artz, in the same church, at night, from Gen. iv, 3—8.

Forenoon.—Rev. Samuel Rothrock preached in the Methodist church, and Rev. G. D. Bernheim in the Presbyterian.

Afternoon.—Rev. William A. Julian, in the Methodist Church.

At night, Rev. J. Hawkins preached in the Presbyterian church, and Rev. B. C. Hall, in the Methodist.

Rev. Levi C. Groseclose preached in the morning, afternoon and at night, in the Lutheran Church, in Charlotte.

May the good seed thus sown spring up and bring forth fruit abundantly to the glory of God. Amen.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the President.

Rev. Mr. Fetzer, of the German Reformed church, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Bro. Fowler, of the Guilford charge, now appeared, produced his credentials as commissioner, and took his seat.

13. *Resolved*, That the Charter of North Carolina College be read before Synod, which having been done, it was

14. *Resolved*, That it be received and approved by this Synod, and that the committee appointed to secure it, be discharged.

Report No. 8, on Education, &c.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of altering chapter 13, of Synodical Constitution, so as to make it applicable to North Carolina College; to nominate a Board of Trustees for the same, and to receive and report upon any educational interests committed to them, beg leave to submit the following:

1. Your committee recommend the following as a substitute for chapter 13 in Synodical Constitution: Item first,

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Sec. 1. This College shall be under the government of a Board of Trustees, to meet semi-annually, and as often at intermediate times as they may think expedient, said Board to be subject to the advice and control of this Synod, and to which they shall present a written report at each of her annual meetings, concerning the fiscal state and prosperity of said Institution, and such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

Sec. 2. This Board shall consist of twelve Trustees, whose term of office shall be three years, said Trustees to be chosen by ballot by this Synod, six of whom shall be ordained Ministers of this Synod, and six Laymen, who shall be chosen from among the Lutheran membership.

Sec. 3. Any member of this Board shall be re-eligible to office. The schedule shall be so arranged that one-third of said twelve Trustees consisting of two Ministers and two Laymen, shall be elected at every annual meeting of Synod.

Sec. 4. Any member of this Board who may forfeit his membership with this Synod, or shall be deposed from the communion in the Lutheran church, or who shall fail to endeavor to carry into effect all the provisions of the Charter, Constitution of the Board and Regulations of this Institution as approved by this Synod, shall be removed from office by the same at its next annual meeting.

Sec. 5. The number of this Board may be increased at the option of Synod to eighteen, the last six of whom may be chosen by this Synod from the Lutheran or any other christian denomination, or any of the literary ranks of life, either by ballot or otherwise; their term of office to continue until removed by the election of others in their stead.

Sec. 6. The Board shall have power to carry into effect all the plans and

provisions embraced in the Charter, Constitution and regulations ratified by this Synod for the government of said College, and shall also have power to make such by-laws and adopt such regulations as they may think from time to time necessary to meet the tuitionary and disciplinary wants of the Institution. Provided, however, that such by-laws and regulations never conflict with their charter, or the Constitution of this Synod.

Item 2. Your committee would recommend the following names out of which a Board of Trustees may be selected:

Clerical.—Revs. William Artz, Daniel I. Dreher, G. D. Bernheim, John S. Heilig, Levi C. Groseclose, Jacob Crim, B. C. Hall, Joseph A. Linn, and Samuel Rothrock.

Laymen.—C. Melchor, Esq., Col. John Shimpoch, Dr. Paul A. Seaford, A. Brown, Esq., John C. Miller, Esq., Messrs. Ludwig Summers, P. N. Heilig, Mathias Barrier and Daniel Barrier.

Item 3. Your committee were invited to a conference with John W. Thomas, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees of Glen Anna Female Seminary, and recommend that his report be read and considered by this body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. LINN,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
WILLIAM A. JULIAN.

Report received and considered by items.

Items first and third were adopted. In relation to item second, it was

15. *Resolved*, That the names presented by the committee on education from which to elect a Board of Trustees for North Carolina College, be received.

On motion, Synod took a recess till after the meeting of the Synodical Missionary Society. Closed with a benediction.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod re-assembled.

Revs. Samuel Rothrock and John Swicegood, and Messrs. A Petre, S. Fisher, Dewalt Lents, and Phillip Ridenhour, Esq., were excused from further attendance upon the meetings of this Synod.

Rev. J. Hawkins, corresponding delegate of the South Carolina Synod, in some very appropriate remarks, expressed the kindly feelings and good wishes of his Synod towards this ecclesiastical body.

Our President, happily reciprocated the civility, and expressed the hope that no untoward circumstance might ever intervene to sever the bonds of mutual love and fraternal affection.

A letter addressed to this Synod, by the visiting committee of the South Carolina Synod, was, on motion, ordered to be read at the next session of Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. John L. Smithdeal.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Hawkins.

The letter from the visiting committee of the South Carolina Synod, was read, and, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Revs. D. H. Bittle, J. H. Mengert and Levi C. Groseclose.

Synod now went into an election for a Board of Trustees for North Carolina College.

Elected for three years.—Revs. Samuel Rothrock, Joseph A. Linn. *Laymen*—C. Melchor, Esq., Col. John Shimpoch.

For two years.—Revs. William Artz, Levi C. Groseclose. *Laymen*—Dr. Paul A. Seaford, P. N. Heilig.

For one year.—Revs. Daniel I. Dreher, John S. Heilig. *Laymen*—Ludwig Summers, Alexander Brown.

16. *Resolved*, That the President of North Carolina College be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Trustees.

17. *Resolved*, That Hon. Burton Craige, Hon. Daniel M. Barringer, H. B. Eilers, Gen. William C. Means, and ex-Governor Thomas Bragg, be elected members of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College.

On motion, business of Synod was suspended till two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod re-assembled and resumed business.

18. *Resolved*, That C. Melchor, Esq., be authorised to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees, if necessary, between this and its next regular meeting.

The communication from Glen Anna was read before Synod, and in relation to which it was

19. *Resolved*, That a committee of visitation to Glen Anna Female Seminary be appointed; and that said committee consist of Revs. Levi C. Groseclose, Daniel H. Bittle, and Joseph A. Linn, and that they report to the next meeting of Synod.

Committee No. 3, Reported.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting to this Synod any unfinished business in last year's minutes, beg leave to state that they find no unfinished business. Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
B. C. HALL.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim proposed to present to Synod, at his convenience, a file of the minutes of the North Carolina Synod, which was thankfully accepted.

Report No. 10

Your committee appointed to note the contents of a letter received from Prof. J. A. Brown and Dr. T. Stork, visiting committee from the Synod of South Carolina, would beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we have received with pleasure the letter from our brethren, and regret their necessary absence.

2. That our delegate be instructed to receive any propositions from our brethren of the South Carolina Synod, or from the Board of Directors of Newberry College, in reference to our interests in the South, so far as they relate to the Theological Seminary, to which reference is made in the above letter, and report at our next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. BITTLE,
JOHN H. MENGERT,
LEVI C. GROSECLOSE.

Report adopted.

Committee No. 5.

The committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report: From the written reports furnished by the brethren, it appears that the work of the Lord has prospered in their hands. Some have reported the number of conversions or accessions to the church, and others have not, so that we have no data by which to ascertain the number of conversions within the bounds of Synod. But from the respectable numbers contained in some of the reports, your committee are of opinion that in no period of our history, were there more than at the present. It appears that the brethren have been engaged in earnest prayer and untiring labor for the upbuilding of our beloved Zion; and that the Lord has blessed their labors is evident from the reports that came into the hands of your committee.

In connection with the above, there are other circumstances that seem to indicate that there is a brighter day dawning upon the church. More interest is taken in our congregational and social prayer meetings than formerly; more attention is given to Sabbath schools, so that the rising generation and the children of the church are likely to receive better training. All other enterprises, gotten up to circulate religious knowledge, are receiving increased attention. The state of the church, therefore, affords your committee great pleasure; and they would recommend that the brethren increase their efforts in extending the borders of our Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CRIM,
C. LENTZ,
P. RIDENHOUR.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Committee No. 4.

Your committee on finance beg leave to report, first on Synodical contributions:

Rev. Joseph A. Linn's Charge.

St. Matthews' $4 40; St. Stephen's, $3 50; Luther's 2 38; $10 28

Rev. Samuel Rothrock's Charge.

Organ Church $19 00; St. Peters' $4 15;..... 23 15

Rev. G. D. Bernheim's Charge.

St. John's $14 38; Bethel $1 78;..... 16 16

Rev. John S. Heilig's Charge.

St. Enoch $3 50; Trinity $3 00;..... 6 50

Rev. Jacob Crim's Charge.

St. Matthews' 90; Jerusalem $1 00; 1 90

Rev. Levi C. Groseclose's Charge.

Union $3 90; Salisbury $3 10; 7 00

Rev John Swicegood's Charge.

Hopewell $1 00..... 1 00

Rev. Daniel I. Dreher's Charge.

St. James' $13 38 ..... 13 38

Rev. Simeon Scherer's Charge.

St. Michael's $3 00; St. Paul's $2 10;..... 5 10

Rev. William Gerhard's Charge.

Mount Carmel $1 50;..... 1 50

Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge.

Luther Chapel $3 50; Salem $1 50; 5 00

Rev. Caleb Lents' Charge.

Newton $2 00; Stand $1 15; 3 15

Rev. William A. Julian's Charge.

Sandy Creek $3 13; Beck's $1 60; Pilgrim $1 50; Zion 70; 6 93

Rev. J. L. Smithdeal's Charge.

Bethel $2 00; St. Paul's $2 50;..... 4 50

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Second. They have received the Treasurer's report, and on examination, find it correct.

They have paid over the Synodical contributions to the Treasurer, and have taken his bond. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. JULIAN,
R. WINECOFF,
ISAAC GOODNIGHT.

An election for the place of next meeting of Synod, resulted in the choice of Sandy Creek, Davidson County.

20. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourn, it stand adjourned to meet at Sandy Creek, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

21. *Resolved*, That an abstract of the proceedings of the Missionary Society be published with the minutes of this Synod.

22. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be, and are hereby tendered the citizens of Concord, and the congregation of St. James' Church, for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the Pastor of said Church.

23. *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the minutes of this Synod be printed; that two copies be sent to each Synod with which we are in regular correspondence, and one to every other Synod in the United States.

Minutes read and adopted.

24. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to the time and place above mentioned.

JOHN S. HEILIG,
Secretary of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Opened with prayer by the President. The sermons and journals of the Licentiates were handed in, and, on motion, referred to Committees.

Committee on sermon and journal of Rev. William A. Julian—Revs. John H. Mengert and John Swicegood.

On sermon and journal of Rev. J. L. Smithdeal—Revs. John D. Scheck and Caleb Lents.

Rev. Daniel H. Bittle, presented L. A. Bikle and A. Philippy, as candidates for licensure.

1. *Resolved*, That these brethren be invited to a colloquium with a view to their examination.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

SECOND SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. Daniel I. Dreher.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Revs. Arts, Bittle and Gerhard, be appointed to conduct a colloquium with Messrs. Bikle and Philippy.

After some time spent in this exercise, it was

3. *Resolved*, That the colloquium close, and that the candidates be admitted to an examination with a view to their licensure.

On motion, Rev. John H. Mengert was added to the examining committee.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. John Swicegood.

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THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

On motion, the examination of Messrs. Bikle and Philippy was resumed and conducted publicly.

Some time having been spent in this exercise, it was moved that the examination be suspended, to be resumed at the pleasure of the Ministerium. Closed with a benediction.

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FOURTH SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. William Gerhard.

The examination of the candidates for licensure having been resumed and continued for some time, it was, on motion,

4. *Resolved*, That the examination close.

The brethren, Bikle and Philippy, having retired, it was

5. *Resolved*, That the examination be sustained, and that Messrs. L. A. Bikle and A. Philippy, be licensed by the Western Conference, in Charlotte on the fifth Sabbath in May, 1859, and that the President of Synod be requested to be present.

6. *Resolved*, That the President be instructed to give these young brethren *ad interim* license.

Report of Committee on Sermon and Journal of Rev. J. L. Smithdeal.

The committee appointed to examine the journal and sermon of Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, would present the following:

1. His journal has been kept with neatness, and apparently with much precision, and affords gratifying evidence of industry and success.

2. The sermon is based on Romans v, 18.

The divisions and sub-divisions are well arranged, the ideas clothed in appropriate language, and the effort at sermonizing exceedingly creditable.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
CALEB LENTS.

7. *Resolved*, That brother Smithdeal's license be renewed for one year.

8. *Resolved*, That Rev. William A. Julian be examined by this Ministerium with a view to ordination.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, 5 O'CLOCK.

Rev. William A. Julian was invited to an examination before the Ministerium, with a view to his ordination.

After some time spent in said examination, it was

9. *Resolved*, That the examination be sustained, and that brother Julian be ordained by the Middle Conference, in Salem Church, Rowan County, on the fifth Sabbath in May, 1859.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Ministerium now adjourned. Prayer by the President.

JOHN S. HEILIG,
Secretary of Ministerium.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren—We have met once more for the purpose of transacting Synodical business. We meet again to unite our prayers, our counsels and deliberations for the glory of God, and the prosperity of our beloved Zion. And we meet under circumstances which call loudly for the most grateful acknowledgements of our hearts. Sustained by a merciful Providence, we have been permitted to close up the duties and privileges of another ecclesiastical year. We have passed another point of time which is used as a line, or division mark, by which our existence as a Synod is cut up into smaller portions. This division of time into years may be happily illustrated by the traveller who is making a journey.

As he passes one mile-stone after another, he is reminded, at the sight of each of the division of space, as also of the progress he has made, what he has left behind, and what he may expect in future. At each point he is lead to reflection.

So, dear brethren, we have passed another mile-stone of time, another year of our toils, cares and labors is gone; and there surely can be no more suitable occasion afforded us, to review the past and present, in order that we may profit by it in the future. Perhaps there may be some incident in the past ecclesiastical year, that has been of special importance to us, in reminding us of our dependence on God.

Amid the various vicissitudes of the past synodical year, death has not been permitted to make any inroads in our ministerial ranks, although some of our most worthy lay-brethren and sisters have been removed from our midst, whose voices are no more to be heard in the church militant, and whose energy and christian activity and charity no more aid us on to victory and conquest in our Master's great work.

In compliance with our constitution, I now proceed to give you a detailed account of my official acts.

Sometime in the month of June last, a constitutional request was made upon me to convene a called session of Synod, for the purpose of "*permanently locating,*" what is now known and chartered as "North Carolina College," and in view of effecting the change from an Academy to a College, as contemplated by your action of last Synod. (See printed minutes, page 20.)

In obedience to this request, I called said meeting of Synod to convene at Luther's Chapel, Rowan County, on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August last. The result of that meeting will no doubt be reported through several different channels.

On the fifth Sabbath in August last, the Revs. Caleb Lents and B. C. Hall were ordained in Luther's Chapel, as instructed by the Ministerium at its last meeting.

Under date of August 30th, 1858, I received a letter from brother J. L. Smithdeal, in which he stated that he had "received and accepted a call to Bethel and St. Paul's churches, Rowan County, North Carolina."

November 12th, 1858, brother Simeon Scherer informed me that he "contemplated resigning the Guilford and Alamance charge at the close of 1858, with a view of visiting our brethren and church in the State of Texas, and of probably locating in said State."

November 19th, 1858, brother Kistler called upon me for an honorable dismission from the Synod of North Carolina, with a view of returning to some field in South Carolina, and if not there, to attach himself to the Methodist Episcopal Conference of North Carolina.

Under date, January 20th, 1859, he informed me by letter, that he had connected himself with the Methodist church, and sent his parochial report up to the time of said connection. I would recommend that his report be received, and his name be erased from the clerical roll.

January 17th, 1859, brother John H. Mengert informed me "that consequent upon a call from the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society of our Synod, he had accepted of the Wilmington mission, and that it was his intention to become a member of our Synod, at its present session.

Under date of February 15th, 1859, brother Simeon Scherer informed me that he did not find it convenient to make his contemplated visit to Texas, and not wishing to be unemployed, had made arrangements to serve the Iredell charge until the meeting of Synod, or till they could get a regular supply.

March 26th, 1859, brother B. C. Hall wrote me as follows: "In the providence of God, it behooves me to resign the Chapel Charge." He also stated that he had just closed a meeting at the Chapel, of considerable interest and spiritual profit to the congregation.

April 2d, 1859, I received a letter from brother A. Grimes, in which he wishes to be excused for absence at our present sessions of Synod; he has also sent in a parochial report. I recommend that his letter be read before the Synod, that he be excused, and his report incorporated with the other parochial reports.

I have also been informed, though not officially, that brother C. Lents has taken charge of the Catawba mission.

Your President is not aware of any other official acts performed, than those already embodied in the foregoing report. Permit me, in conclusion, to offer a few suggestions. I wish particularly to direct the attention of this Synod to the fact, that there are many waste places and unoccupied points within the limits of our Synod, where organizations might be effected, churches built, and our Synod extended and strengthened. To effect this however, would require the active labors of some prudent, experienced and thorough man. I would, therefore, recommend the appointment of an Evangelist or Pioneer Preacher, whose duty it shall be to visit all points of probable success, preach to the people, visit the Lutheran members contiguous to each point, encourage organizations, the erection of houses of worship where practicable, and aid the people, through the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, in calling a minister to labor amongst them permanently.

Our experience during the past year, in the Wilmington and Charlotte Missions, will afford you testimony as to the practicability of such an appointment. Nor are we without a precedent in our own church elsewhere, or the Presbyterians in our own State.

Under such a system, properly guarded, we believe untold benefits would result to the prosperity of our Zion, in the extension of her borders, the growth of our College, and consequent intelligence of our people, and the ultimate glory of God. As lovers of the Lutheran Church, let us seek her advancement, in the propagation of her republican principles.

It will become the duty of this Synod to elect an entire new Board of Trustees for North Carolina College, fixing the number to be chosen and their terms of office, and also, so to alter chapter 13 of the Constitution of Synod, as to make it applicable to the aforesaid College.

Inasmuch, as all the scholarships of Western Carolina Male Academy

have ceased, except those held by this Synod, it becomes the duty of Synod to take back its fund and dispose of it as in its wisdom seems best. I would recommend, that whereas said fund of six hundred dollars was heretofore transferred to the endowment fund of Western Carolina Male Academy, that it now be transferred to the endowment fund of North Carolina College, located at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County. And that in lieu of said amount of six hundred dollars, this Synod shall be, and is hereby entitled to *one* perpetual scholarship in said College, the receipt whereof shall be held by the President of this Synod, and his successor in office.

Brethren, in retiring from office, I now tender to you my sincere thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and pray that the great Head of the Church may vouchsafe unto you his grace divine, and that all our deliberations may be characterised by love and concord, and owned and blessed of Heaven's King.

JOSEPH A. LINN, *President.*

April 28th, 1859.

MINUTES

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

After a sermon preached by the Rev. Simeon Scherer, and a collection lifted, the Home Missionary Society was called to order by the President, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, and the list of the annual and life members reported.

The first business of the Society being the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was found that the balloting resulted in the choice of

Rev. DANIEL I. DREHER, President.
" G. D. RERNHEIM, Vice President.
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, Secretary.
" JOSEPH A. LINN, Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer made his report, which was, on motion, referred to Committee No. 1, to report on. Committee—Revs. D. H. Bittle and J. Crim.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Samuel Rothrock, Treasurer, in account with the Synodical Missionary Society:

1858.		DR.
May 3,	To cash received at Annual Meeting,	$184 99
July 16,	To cash from St. Stephen's Church, per Rev. J. A. Linn,	31 45
Aug. 28,	To cash from former Treasurer,	73 00
" 12,	To cash from Organ Church, per J. L. Græber,	37 89
Sept. 27,	To cash from St. Stephen's Church, per P. J. Lents,	31 00
Oct. 3,	To cash from St. Peter's Church, per David Earnheart,	17 40
Dec. 14,	To cash from St. John's Church, per Rev. Bernheim,	39 70
1859.		
Jan. 27,	To cash per Rev. Simeon Scherer,	7 31
May 2,	To cash from St. Mathew's Church, per Rev. Mr. Linn,	45 25
" 2,	To cash from Luther's Church, per Rev. J. A. Linn,	16 80
" 2,	To public collection, St. James' Church, Concord,	25 50
		$510 29

NOTES NOT ON BENEFICIARIES.

Ed. Barrier's note, bearing date April 25, '57,	$121 76	
Interest to this date, May 2, 1859,	14 75	136 51
D. M. Wagner's note, bearing date, April 20, 1858,	43 84	
Interest to this date, May 2, 1859,	2 71	46 55
Total in cash and notes not on beneficiaries,		$693 35
Beneficiaries' notes,		539 73
Grand total, notes and cash,		$1,233 08

1858.		CR.
May 3,	By Cash paid Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, as per order of Society,	$50 00
Dec. 14,	By postage, &c., paid Rev. G. D. Bernheim,	2 40
1859.		
Jan. 18,	By cash paid Rev. C. Lents, Missionary in Newton,	50 00
Feb. 9,	By cash paid Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary in Wilmington,	100 00
		$202 40
May 2,	In hands of Treasurer,	307 89
		$510 29

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Treasurer.

Your committee have audited the above report and find it correct.
DANIEL H. BITTLE,
JACOB CRIM.

The Report of the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society, was read. Report accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes of the Society.

Report of the President of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society.

Pursuant to a resolution of the last Synodical meeting, your chairman, in company with the President of Synod, paid a visit to the eastern portion of our State for the purpose of visiting our German Lutherans who had located themselves there for the past few years.

In Wilmington, we found a large number of Germans, estimated to be between four and five hundred, and we were gladly welcomed in their midst. However, as an account of this visit has already appeared in the columns of the Lutheran Observer, I will but simply add that it has opened a prospect of usefulness in our Church rarely equalled, and but little expected, and a glorious future awaits us, if we have the energy and perseverance requisite for the cultivation of new, though inviting fields of labor.

Immediately after this visit, our Executive Committee was organized, and the several missionary fields were presented before us. Every possible provision was made for them; and a report of our transactions and success is herewith transmitted.

The Wilmington Mission.

After much correspondence and some delay, the Rev. John H. Mengert, was induced to visit this mission, and located himself with his family in Wilmington about the close of last December; he has been untiring in his labors, and has given general satisfaction. Although he met with difficulties and some opposition, it is no more than was expected. Success has crowned his efforts—a congregation has been organised with about eighty members—a lot has been purchased in a beautiful and central location for three thousand dollars, and money enough subscribed to pay this amount, besides a balance for the commencement of a Church edifice. Our German brethren there have shown a commendable spirit of benevolence and interest in the matter. The service of the sanctuary is well attended, and the prospect is good of seeing a large and influential congregation in the city. Your Executive Committee have appropriated one hundred dollars for brother Mengert's support in the recess of Synod, until more permanent arrangements can be made.

The Newbern and Raleigh Mission.

Your Committee have thrown these two cities into one mission for the

present, as the number of Germans is not so large in either place, and as communication by Railroad is easy between the two cities. These are also important places, and more Germans are rapidly locating themselves there; but we have been unable to send them a missionary, although every effort has been made for that purpose; and we earnestly hope that soon some pious, self-denying man of God will be sent to that field of labor.

The Newton Mission.

Sometime in September last, the Executive Committee entered into an engagement with Rev. Prof. Lents, to labor as a missionary in this long neglected, yet hopeful field of labor. He was engaged for about six months, until the meeting of Synod, at a salary of $175 for the time of that engagement; $100 of which to be paid from the funds of the Missionary Society, and $75 to be raised by the people.

Brother Lents has succeeded in partly liquidating a debt of $600, still resting on the Church in Newton; but further than this we have not learned, as we have received but little intelligence from that brother.

The Davie Mission.

By a resolution of Synod, several congregations in Davie County, have been united and declared missionary ground. No missionary has been employed for that field by your committee; nevertheless, Rev. Jacob Crim has been laboring there, but no arrangement has been effected with that brother, and no reports have been sent us, as to his usefulness or success.

The Charlotte Mission.

This is also a new field of labor, which has but lately been opened unto us. Your chairman visited Charlotte the last week in January, and finding things in a hopeful state—"the field ripe for harvest,"—he made the effort to raise the standard of our Church in that growing city, and with unlooked for success. The idea of a Lutheran Church in Charlotte was warmly welcomed. A subscription of nearly one thousand dollars was raised in a few days, and shortly afterwards a purchase was made of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located in a central position, for which eight hundred dollars was paid, and the property secured. The congregation was organised January 31st, under the name of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Trustees were elected for the property—our Hymn book and Discipline were adopted—a Commissioner has been chosen as representative to this Synod, and a call has been extended to Mr. A. Philippy, of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, who has signified to me his willing-

ness to accept the call, and is perhaps on the ground at this time. It is but very recently that a considerable number of German Lutherans have located themselves in that city, and I have every reason to believe that the number of communicants will amount to fifty or more during the first year; and there is every prospect that this mission will soon be a self-sustaining charge.

Thomasville.

At this interesting village, the Rev. Levi C. Groseclose has been preaching since January last, and the prospect for a Church is quite flattering; he visits those people monthly, and they have subscribed liberally for his support; but as it cannot be considered missionary ground, we can but give this passing notice of this new enterprise.

Your Executive Committee having felt cramped from the consequences of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting of our Missionary Society, uniting it and our funds to the Parent Home Society of the General Synod, on account of unnecessary delay in affording aid to our missionaries, and the double loss of premium money in exchanges or drafts on Baltimore banks, thence to North Carolina again on some of our banks, have unanimously resolved to retain our funds at home until the next annual meeting of our Society, and await further directions. If we have erred, it was on the side of prudence, and our action can easily be reversed by this Society.

In all other respects we have cordially co-operated with the parent Society, instructed our missionaries to send their reports to them, and your chairman has brought the several missions in this State to their notice; yet we have failed to see any reports of our labors in this State published, as was promised, when this union was effected. Perhaps another year all these errors may become rectified.

May the God of missions incite us to greater energy and zeal in the good cause of the Redeemer's advancing kingdom, and give us also the spirit of prayer and liberality; yea, may we all become Aarons and Hurs to our laboring and self-denying men in new fields, so that their feeble hands may be supported, is my sincere wish and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM.

The Committee on Constitution reported. The report adopted as a whole.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Davidson Pastorate.

Beck's Church $16 60; Sandy Creek $15 95; Pilgrim $11 50; Zion $9 55, ... $53 60

Iredell Pastorate.

St. Michael's $7 50; St. Paul's $1 50, ... 9 00

Luther Chapel Pastorate.

Luther's Chapel, ... 15 70

Davie Pastorate.

Jerusalem, ... 1 65

St. Enoch's Pastorate.

St. Enoch's Church, ... 2 00
Mount Carmel Church, ... 1 25

St. Paul and Bethel Pastorate.

St. Paul's Church, ... 15 00
Bethel Church, Stanly County, ... 7 15
" " interest on centenary fund, ... 1 20

Salisbury Pastorate.

Salisbury $7 50; Union $24 00, ... 31 50
Annual membership, ... 21 50

Life Members.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim $5 00; Miss Virginia C. Frazier 5; Miss Mary E. Cruse, 5 00; Mrs. B. Mengert 5 00, ... 20 00

Total, ... $179 55

The letters and petitions being called for, the following petition was read, to wit:—

"Monroe County, Arkansas, April 16, 1859.

Rev. J. A. Linn, *President of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina:*

Dear Sir—We, the undersigned petitioners, are desirous of obtaining a Missionary from amongst your body as a Lutheran Synod. As this is missionary ground, not a single Lutheran church has been heard of yet by us in this State. There is a great work to be done here, which can be accomplished if we use the proper efforts as Lutherans.—True, we have our Methodist brethren, who are laboring hard, and doing all they can to build up the church of Christ, but there is great room for

others to labor, as there are a great many Lutherans here, and others are emigrating to this State yearly, from almost every State in the Union.

We earnestly request the Synod to send us a missionary, and hereby certify our sincerity by signing our names to the above petition. May the Lord prosper his church in every land and continent, throughout the world. We believe this to be the sentiment of our branch of the christian church. We give you, as a body of Lutheran ministers in North Carolina, our best respects, and for you pray the bonds of love and peace and union, now and forever. Signed G. W. SCOTT, and 33 others,

Who came from North Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana, Alabama, New York, Illinois and Mississippi.

Rev. Daniel H. Bittle was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Rev. Joseph A. Linn, his alternate.

The subject of the Wilmington mission, referred by Synod to this Society, was taken up, and the following resolutions passed in relation to it:

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the congregation in Wilmington to pay the travelling expenses of their minister incurred by him in removing into their midst.

2. *Resolved*, That the President of this Society confer with the Wilmington people in reference to any appropriation to be made them, for the purpose of assisting them to support their pastor.

3. *Resolved*, That two hundred dollars be appropriated to the Charlotte mission for the ensuing year, on condition that they raise an equal amount.

4. *Resolved*, That brother A. Philippy be the missionary sent to that field.

It was, on motion, ordered to pay Rev. Jacob Crim $100 for missionary services rendered the last two years, twenty-five dollars of which, he kindly donated to this Society.

On motion, the supply of the Davie mission, was referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. C. Lentz was called on to state the condition and prospects of the Catawba mission, after which, its supply was referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. John Swicegood then made statements touching our mission field in Davidsion and Forsythe. Referred to the Executive Committee, and also, that the President of the Society, or some other member of the Executive Committee, visit those people, and endeavor to procure for them a missionary.

A petition was read, signed by thirty-four Lutherans, from six different States residing in Arkansas, asking for a missionary to be sent to Arkansas to collect together our scattered brethren into churches.

Referred to the Executive Committee, and the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod.

On motion, it was ordered that the Executive Committee take into consideration the employment of an Evangelist in North Carolina.

5. *Resolved*, That the minutes of the Missionary Society be appended to the minutes of Synod.

On motion, Society adjourned to meet on Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M., at the place of the next Annual meeting of Synod.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary.*

N. B. No report was made by the auditing committee of the amount of money raised at this meeting for missions, to whom was referred the counting of the money, and the taking of the Treasurer's bond.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Sec'y.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

ART. I. This Society shall be called the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to aid the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in carrying out the object contemplated by said Society, with special reference to a supply of the destitute portions of our Church in the bounds of the Synod of North Carolina.

ART. III. *Officers.*—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, one Recording and one Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. IV. *Executive Committee.*—The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee, to whom shall be committed our Synodical territories as a Home Mission Field, and whose duty it shall be to make out mission fields, receive applications for missionary labors, recommend suitable missionaries to the Home Missionary Society, and suggest the amount of salary to be received by said Missionaries.

ART. V. *Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to this Society, and hold them subject to the order of the Executive Committee.

ART. VI. *Funds of the Society.*—All the funds raised by this Society, shall be reported by the Treasurer of the same, to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society, and if said funds be not needed for the support of any Missionary within our Synodical territory, the Executive Committee may order the same to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society.

ART. VII. *Business Meetings of Executive Committee.*—The Executive Committee shall meet for business as often as the interests of the Society may demand.

VIII. *Terms of Membership.*—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of fifty cents annually into its Treasury; and any person by the payment of five dollars at one time, shall be a member for life.

IX. *Annual and Special Meetings.*—The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, and special meetings, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, shall be called by the President.

ART. X. *Auxiliary Societies.*—Congregational Societies adopting the leading features of this constitution, and contributing to the funds of this Society, shall be regarded as auxiliaries.

ART. XI. *Ratification.* This constitution shall not be altered except at a regular annual meeting, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, President,
" J. S. HEILIG, Rec. Secretary,
" S. ROTHROCK, Cor. Secretary.
MATHIAS BARRIER, Esq., Treas.